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——Huc propius me,
Dum doceo Inſanire omnes, vos ordine adite. Hor.

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THERE is an oblique way of Reproof, which takes off from the Sharpneſs of it; and an Addreſs in Flattery, which makes it agreeable though never ſo groſs: But of all Flatterers, the moſt skilful is he who can do what you like, without ſaying any thing which argues you do it for his Sake; the moſt winning Circumſtance in the World being the Conformity of Manners. I ſpeak of this as a Practice neceſſary in gaining People of Senſe, who are not yet given up to Self-Conceit; thoſe who are far gone in Admiration of themſelves need not be treated with ſo much Delicacy. The following Letter puts this Matter in a pleaſant and uncommon Light: The Author of it attacks this Vice with an Air of Compliance, and alarms us againſt it by exhorting us to it.

To the GUARDIAN.

SIR,

'AS you profeſs to encourage all thoſe who any way contribute to the Publick Good, I flatter my ſelf I may claim your Countenance and Protection. I am by Profeſſion a Mad Doctor, but of a peculiar Kind; not of thoſe whoſe Aim it is to remove Phrenzies, but one who makes it my Buſineſs to confer an agreeable Madneſs on my Fellow-Creatures, for their mutual Delight and Benefit. Since it is agreed by the Philoſophers, that Happineſs and Miſery conſiſt chiefly in the Imagination, nothing is more neceſſary to Mankind in general than this pleaſing Delirium, which renders every one ſatisfied with himſelf, and perſuades him that all others are equally ſo.

'I have for ſeveral Years, both at home and abroad, made this Science my particular Study, which I may venture to ſay I have improved in almoſt all the Courts of *Europe*; and have reduced it into ſo ſafe and eaſie a Method, as to practiſe it on both Sexes, of what Diſpoſition, Age or Quality ſoever, with Succeſs. What enables me to perform this great Work, is the Uſe of my *Obſequium Catholicon*, or the *Grand Elixir*, to ſupport the Spirits of Human Nature. This Remedy is of the moſt grateful Flavour in the World, and agrees with all Taſtes whatever. 'Tis delicate to the Senſes, delightful in the Operation, may be taken at all Hours without Confinement, and is as properly given at a Ball or Play-houſe as in a private Chamber. It reſtores and vivifies the moſt dejected Minds, corrects and extracts all that is painful in the Knowledge of a Man's Self. One Doſe of it will inſtantly diſperſe it ſelf through the whole Animal Syſtem, diſſipate the firſt Motions of Diſtruſt ſo as never to return, and ſo exhilerate the Brain, and rarifie the Gloom of Reflection, as to give the Patients a new Flow of Spirits, a Vivacity of Behaviour, and a pleaſing Dependance upon their own Capacities.

'Let a Perſon be never ſo far gone, I adviſe him not to deſpair; even though he has been troubled many Years with reſtleſs Reflections, which by long Neglect have hardened into ſettled Conſideration. Thoſe that have been ſtung with Satyr may here find a certain Antidote, which infallibly diſperſes all Remains of the Poiſon that has been left in the Underſtanding by bad Cures. It fortifies the Heart againſt the Rancour of Pamphlets, the Inveteracy of Epigrams, and the Mortification of Lampoons; as has been often experienced by ſeveral Perſons of both Sexes, during the Seaſons of *Tunbridge* and the *Bath*.

'I could, as farther Inſtances of my Succeſs, produce Certificates and Teſtimonials from the Favourites and Ghoſtly Fathers of the moſt eminent Princes of *Europe*, but ſhall content my ſelf with the Mention of a few Cures, which I have performed by this my *Grand Univerſal Reſtorative*, during the Practice of one Month only ſince I came to this City.

Cures in the Month of February, 1713.

'*George Spondee*, Eſq; Poet, and Inmate of the Pariſh of St. *Paul's Covent-Garden*, fell into violent

'ient Fits of the Spleen upon a thin Third Night. 'He had been frighted into a Vertigo by the Sound 'of Catcalls on the First Day; and the frequent 'Hiſſings on the Second made him unable to en'dure the bare Pronounciation of the Letter *S*. I 'ſearched into the Cauſes of his Diſtemper; and by 'the Preſcription of a Doſe of my *Obſequium*, pre'pared *ſecundum Artem*, recovered him to his Na'tural State of Madneſs. I caſt in at proper Inter'vals the Words, *Ill Taſte of the Town*, *Envy of* 'Criticks, *bad Performance of the Actors*, and 'the like. He is ſo perfectly cured, that he has 'promiſed to bring another Play upon the Stage 'next Winter.

'A Lady of profeſſed Virtue, of the Pariſh of St. *James's Weſtminſter*, who hath deſired her Name 'may be concealed, having taken Offence at a Phraſe 'of double Meaning in Converſation, undiſcovered 'by any other in the Company, ſuddenly fell into 'a cold Fit of Modeſty. Upon a right Application 'of Praiſe of her Virtue, I threw the Lady into an 'agreeable waking Dream, ſettled the Fermentation 'of her Blood into a warm Charity, ſo as to make 'her look with Patience on the very Gentleman 'that offended.

'*Hilaria*, of the Pariſh of St. *Giles's in the Fields*, 'a Coquet of long Practice, was by the Reprimand of 'an old Maiden reduced to look grave in Company, 'and deny her ſelf the Play of the Fan. In ſhort, 'ſhe was brought to ſuch melancholy Circumſtan'ces, that ſhe would ſometimes unawares fall into 'Devotion at Church. I adviſed her to take a few '*innocent Freedoms with occaſional Kiſſes*, preſcribed 'her the *Exerciſe of the Eyes*, and immediately rai'ſed her to her former State of Life. She on a 'ſudden recovered her Dimples, furled her Fan, 'threw round her Glances, and for theſe two *Sun'days* laſt paſt has not once been ſeen in an atten'tive Poſture. This the Church-Wardens are rea'dy to atteſt upon Oath.

'*Andrew Terrour*, of the *Middle-Temple*, *Mohock*, 'was almoſt induced by an aged Bencher of the 'ſame Houſe to leave off bright Converſation, and 'pore over *Cook upon Littleton*. He was ſo ill that 'his Hat began to flap, and he was ſeen one Day 'in the laſt Term at *Weſtminſter Hall*. This Pa'tient had quite loſt his Spirit of Contradiction; I, 'by the Diſtillation of a few of my vivifying Drops 'in his Ear, drew him from his Lethargy, and re'ſtored him to his uſual vivacious Miſunderſtand'ing. He is at preſent very eaſie in his Condition.

'I will not dwell upon the Recital of the innu'merable Cures I have performed within twenty 'Days laſt paſt; but rather proceed to exhort all 'Perſons, of whatever Age, Complexion or Quali'ty, to take as ſoon as poſſible of this my intellectual 'Oyl; which applied at the Ear ſeizes all the Sen'ſes with a moſt agreeable Tranſport, and diſcovers 'its Effects, not only to the Satisfaction of the Pa'tient, but all who converſe with, attend upon, or 'any way relate to him or her that receives the 'kindly Infection. It is often adminiſtred by Cham'ber-maids, Valets, or any the moſt ignorant Do'meſtick; it being one peculiar Excellence of this 'my Oyl, that 'tis moſt prevalent, the more un'ſkilful the Perſon is or appears who applies it. It 'is abſolutely neceſſary for Ladies to take a Doſe 'of juſt before they take Coach to go a viſiting.

'But I offend the Publick, as *Horace* ſaid, when 'I treſpaſs on any of your Time. Give me Leave 'then, Mr. *Ironſide*, to make you a Preſent of a 'Drachm or two of my Oyl; though I have Cauſe 'to fear my Preſcriptions will not have the Effect 'upon you I could wiſh: Therefore I do not en'deavour to bribe you in my Favour by the Preſent 'of my Oyl, but wholly depend upon your Publick 'Spirit and Generoſity; which, I hope, will recom'mend to the World the uſeful Endeavours of,

S I R,

Your moſt Obedient,
moſt Faithful, *moſt Devoted*,
moſt Humble Servant
and Admirer,

GNATHO.

'*†* Beware of Counterfeits, for ſuch are abroad.

'*N B.* I teach the *Arcana* of my Art at reaſon'able Rates to Gentlemen of the Univerſities, who 'deſire to be qualified for writing Dedications; and 'to young Lovers and Fortune-hunters, to be paid 'at the Day of Marriage. I inſtruct Perſons of 'bright Capacities to flatter others, and thoſe of the 'meaneſt to flatter themſelves.

'I was the firſt Inventor of Pocket Looking-'Glaſſes.

This Paper is to be had of Mr. Yemes *under the* Thatch'd-houſe *Tavern in St.* James's-ſtreet; *Mrs.* Bond *at* Charing-croſs; *Mrs.* Bolter *near the* Temple-gate; *and Mr.* Round *in* Exchange-Ally.

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